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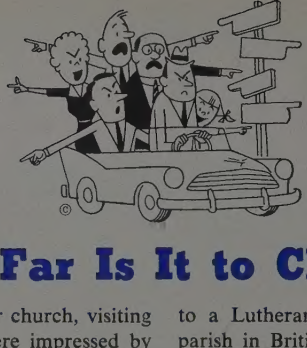

How Far Is It to Church?

NEW MEMBERS of our church, visiting us for the first time, were impressed by the winding, country roads they had traveled before finally reaching our house. Even with our written directions, they had to stop several times to check on road signs.

"It's a lovely ride, but what a long way you are from church!" they exclaimed.

A RESPONSE was at the tip of my tongue. *It seems too long sometimes. There are so many of us to get ready for Sunday school!*

Then in one of those sudden flashbacks the mind sometimes takes, I was back at our summer conference listening to a Lutheran pastor tell us about h parish in British Guiana. He mentione the many hardships of his people, bu his face glowed when he told how the traveled by dugout canoe on the treach erous waters of the Berbice River, som of them starting eight hours ahead time in order to answer the call of Chri when the church bell rang . . . and he we travel in comparative safety in a com fortable car over paved roads!

I SHOOK my head. "Actually, it take us only about twenty minutes to get t the city," I said. "No, we're not very fa from church."

—ERNESTINE DAUM

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COVER PICTURE. Little white church built in 1876 is attraction of rebuilt "ghost town" at Knott's Berry Farm near Buena Park, California. It is also temporary home of Church of the Good Shepherd, United Lutheran mission congregation. The Rev. Howell S. Foster is pastor.

Smoke from a chimney

A temporary chimney on the Sistine Chapel would be the center of attention in Rome on Oct. 25. Smoke signals which might be seen as often as four times a day would indicate if the assembled cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church had succeeded in electing a successor to Pope Pius XII, who died at 82 on Oct. 8 after a series of cerebral strokes.

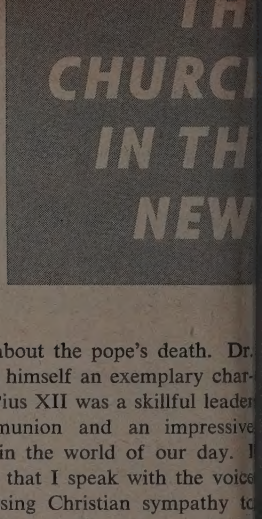
Votes of a two-thirds majority of the cardinals attending would be necessary for the election. By tradition, incomplete ballots are burned with damp straw, sending up black smoke. The final ballot is burned with dry twigs, the white smoke indicating that a new pope has been chosen.

There are currently 55 in the college of cardinals, with 15 vacancies. A few of the 55 are too aged or ill to come to Rome. Three are in Iron Curtain countries. Cardinal Wyszynski of Poland has reportedly been given permission to journey to Rome, but Cardinal Stepinac of Yugoslavia is ill and confined to his native village near Zagreb, while Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary is still in refuge at the U.S. legation in Budapest.

Tributes pour in

Statesmen and churchmen throughout the world paid tribute to the late pope in high terms. Evangelist Billy Graham spoke for many Protestants in calling him "a man of peace" who will "probably go down in history as one of the greatest heads of the Roman Catholic Church."

In Dayton, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the Lutheran World Federation and chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, opened the morning session of the United Lutheran Church convention Oct. 9 with a statement about the pope's death. Dr. Fry said, "In himself an exemplary character, Pope Pius XII was a skillful leader of his communion and an impressive moral force in the world of our day. I am confident that I speak with the voice of all expressing Christian sympathy to the Roman Catholic Church in its loss."

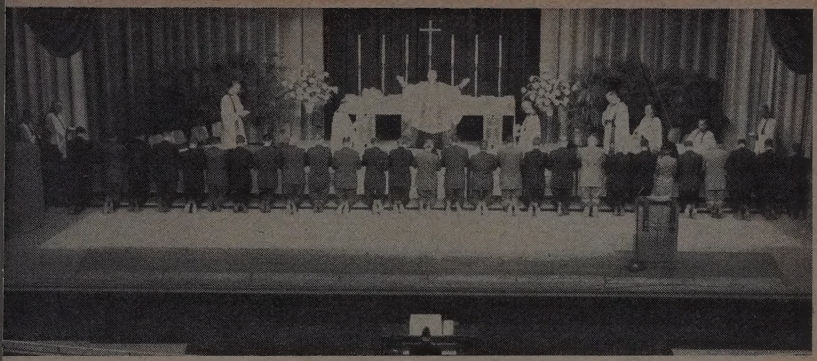


Election in Miami Beach

There was almost as much secrecy but less pomp as the bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church met in Miami Beach, Florida, during the church's triennial convention, to choose a new presiding bishop. Dr. Henry Knox Sherrill is retiring after eleven years in office because of the 68-year age limit.

The 190-men House of Bishops slipped away from the convention, celebrated Holy Communion at All Souls Church in another part of the city, and then turned to the balloting. It took only three ballots for 58-year-old Bishop Arthur Carl Lichtenberger of St. Louis to be elected.

An earlier effort by the House of Deputies to limit the presiding bishop's term to twelve years was defeated. Those who advocated the move said this would make possible election of a younger man without imposing his regime on the church for too many years. The office is for life or until retirement.



DELEGATES KNEEL AT COMMUNION RAIL DURING OPENING SERVICE AT DAYTON

Report from Dayton Convention

Jnited and uniting

Forty years of United Lutheran history were hailed by delegates as the church's 21st biennial convention met Oct. 8-15 at Dayton, Ohio. Pauses for a backward look were only incidental, however. The 700 delegates enthusiastically took steps that may make the church's next convention its last. A Dayton newspaper called them the "united and uniting Lutherans."

Progress toward the merger with the Augustana, American Evangelical and Suomi Lutheran churches was reported by the ULC representatives to the Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity, which includes members from the four bodies. Discussion of plans for the proposed new church, which may be established by 1961, were a highlight of the convention. While the discussion could not be completed on the Thursday afternoon set apart for it and would come up again later in the sessions, an early effort to amend the proposed program went down to overwhelming defeat.

Major problem hurdled

Some observers expected that there might be serious questions about the ULC commissioners' agreement to a provision that would prohibit pastors ordained by the new church from membership in "organizations which claim to possess in their teachings and ceremonies that which the Lord has given solely to his church." Most Lutheran bodies forbid their pastors to belong to secret orders, but some ULC synods had considered such action an infringement on the personal liberty of a Christian.

A dramatic debate swelled on the floor of the convention when the Rev. Luther E. Schlenker of Perkasie, Pa., submitted a resolution asking the JCLU to reconsider this decision. He said it violated Lutheran teaching by setting different standards for clergy and laymen and also by exempting present pastors from restrictions that would apply to future candidates for the ministry.

Dr. Harry F. Baughman, president of Gettysburg Seminary, added that "persuasion rather than legislation" could accomplish the same purpose. The new church "should be really Lutheran, with freedom of conscience and a universality of the ministry," he said.

Stand is defended

The attack gained relatively little support as dozens of delegates clamored to be heard in defense of the JCLU agreement. Dr. Henry H. Bagger, president of the Philadelphia Seminary and a JCLU member, made a stirring plea for acceptance of the report. He said the restriction on pastors' membership in secret orders was "the only way to go on with our merger discussions." While personally not in favor of anything that "violates evangelical freedom," Dr. Bagger warned the convention that the whole merger would be in jeopardy if the ULC disclaimed the agreement. Under these circumstances, the commissioners had decided that "the price was worth paying," he declared.

Dr. R. H. Gerberding of Minneapolis said, "Let's not come to the wrong conclusion that this statement is contrary to the convictions of our church." He pointed out that some synods had even stronger statements in their constitutions. Dr. A. C. M. Ahlen of Northwestern Seminary, Minneapolis, called attention to the "special responsibility" of pastors. "A man can't preach salvation on Sunday and be a deist on Friday night," he declared.

The attitude of the big majority of delegates became clear when Dr. Paul Graf's motion to end debate on the Schlenker resolution passed almost unanimously. Only a scattering of "Ayes" supported the resolution as delegates clearly showed their eagerness to remove any roadblock to merger.

No instructions

Question about the geographic boundaries of synods in the new church was raised by Dr. Alfred L. Beck, president of the New York and New England Synod. Dr. Beck said his group would gladly see New England organized into a separate synod, but pleaded that the entire state of New York be kept united in one synodical body. Present plans call

PARTICIPATING in opening service were Synod Presidents Soker (Rocky Mountain), Young (Central States), Sigmar (Icelandic), Conrad (Nova Scotia), Weeg (Illinois), Dr. Benson, Dr. Fry, Dr. Reinartz, Presidents Beck (N. Y. and N. E.), Wood (Ga.-Ala.), and Veler (Ohio). Dr. Benson, Augustana president, preached. Dr. Reinartz was officiant

GETTING PINNED with his official badge is Dr. Henry Endress of New York, ULCA Stewardship Secretary, with Miss Margaret Duhme of Dr. Fry's staff in charge of the pinning

for separation of upstate New York from the metropolitan area.

Plans for the new church would eliminate the Board of Social Missions. Evangelism would be a separate board, while inner missions and social action would be directed by commissions responsible to the Executive Council. Dr. Dwight F. Putman disputed this plan, asking that inner missions and social action be cared for by a board organized for this purpose. Deaconess work would also change, becoming a part of the new Board of College Education and Church Vocations. Mrs. Frank B. Herzel, Pittsburgh Synod delegate, asked that deaconess work be given at least the status of a separate division in that board.

All comments and suggestions were recorded for the information of ULC commissioners to the JCLU. No binding action was taken by the convention, although further discussion at a later meeting would again give delegates the opportunity to instruct the commissioners if they had any serious misgivings.

91 per cent

Congregations representing 91.3 per cent of the ULC's confirmed membership took part in the two-year Lutheran Evangelism Mission, Dr. Harold Haas, executive secretary of the Board of Social Missions, reported at Dayton. Never before had there been so intense an effort to "convey the gospel to the world with greater power, and to examine the church's life and seek afresh the gifts of the Holy Spirit," the report declared.

By-products of the LEM were renewed and increased activity of many laymen and deepened spiritual life of congregations, Dr. Haas said. The "very large number of commitments" resulting from the mission suggest that thousands were drawn nearer to God, he added.

Of special concern are the 865 congregations—mostly small in size—of the ULC's 4,447 that did not take part in the mission, Dr. Haas said. These need "the experience of such a mission . . . lest they deny themselves their place in the renewed witness of the church."

Synods to foster evangelism

Conflict between big and small synods came into the open as delegates discussed the future of the evangelism program. The Executive Board had turned down a Social Missions Board request that

after 1960 the full-time staff of its evangelism department consist of seven secretaries. Five would be ample, the Executive Board held—three directors and two field workers.

President Carl Tambert of the Pacific Southwest Synod led the move to overrule the Executive Board. "Smaller synods need guidance," he said, especially in bringing children into church schools. To cut the evangelism staff would be a "backward step." President Eric Sigmar of the Icelandic Synod said his body needed staff support from the ULC to continue the impetus of the Lutheran Evangelism Missions. President Frank Madsen of the Michigan Synod said evangelism work could not be carried on without aid from the ULC headquarters.

President Charles M. Cooper of the Pennsylvania Ministerium was on the other side. "Evangelism is a job for congregations," he declared. "A synodical staff can best carry it on." The Rev. Samuel E. Kidd, Ministerium stewardship secretary, called attention to "the expensive character of national field service," asking that it be synodical. Dr. Gustavus H. Bechtold, Ministerium delegate, said too many synods "want Papa to pay the bill." Synods should assume responsibility, he said.

After a 407-122 vote had ended debate on Dr. Tambert's proposed amendment, the Executive Board's action in holding the number of evangelism staff members to five was approved by a voice vote.

Integration debate flares

No sooner had discussion of the evangelism program died down than the convention was stirred again as the Rev. Arnold F. Keller, Jr., of Allentown, Pa., introduced a resolution commending a "creative program directed toward the improving of race relations" and reaffirming principles expressed in the ULC's Statement on Human Relations (1952) and on Desegregation (1956). These documents had "encouraged" congregations to demonstrate "in their own corporate lives the possibility of integration" and said that "Christian brotherhood is impeded by practices enforcing segregation."

The convention should admit "our corporate and individual guilt through sins of commission as well as omission" in the "increasing racial tension," Pastor Keller said.

South Carolina Synod delegate E. Fritz Hollings, who will next month be elected governor of the state, said he "could not sit silent" although he had hoped not to talk about the subject at Dayton. "If it is brotherhood, if it is the advancement of the colored people, then I am for it," Mr. Hollings said. "But if it is talk of continuing guilt and desegregation, I don't feel guilt as a public official. I believe public schools are intended for education and not for integration."

The South Carolina lieutenant-governor added that "we in South Carolina are law-abiding; we are proud to be Christians; but we are not going to integrate the public schools of our state."

As time ran out, the convention referred the resolution to a special committee which was to consider it more fully and report on proposed action at a later session.

Faith and life

Both pastors and laymen will have added opportunities to deepen their theological knowledge and to help relate their Christian faith to the practical issues of the day as the result of convention action. For pastors, there will be "in-

INED UP TO BUY TICKETS for Laymen's banquet from Associate Stewardship Director Hilton Fiene (left) are Werner Gerlach of Washington; the Rev. Harold Helfrich of Harrisburg, Pa.; the Rev. James Slack of Bridgewater, Nova Scotia; and Sister Mildred Winter, executive secretary on staff of the Board of Deaconess Work in Philadelphia

ervice training"; for laymen, a program f Faith and Life Institutes.

The Faith and Life program will be leveloped under Dr. Rufus Cornelsen, irector of the social action department f the Board of Social Missions. Groups f lay people—at least ten each year—vill meet for periods of from two to five lays to discuss and explore ways in vhich their "professed faith" can be ap-lied to "daily involvements and respon-ibilities." Patterned after the Evangelical Academies which have had a great in-luence on church life in Germany, the nstitutes will be held in various places n the U.S. and Canada.

Commenting on the program, Dr. Fry said it would help people to "see the immediate relevancy of the Word of God for us, the pattern God has drawn on us." The institutes would not be another among many organizations, but a "catapult to thrust us out into the world," he said.

Refreshers for pastors

Pastors "need and welcome help in preaching, counseling, teaching, worship and liturgy, and deeper insight into the Gospel and its relevance to our age," the Board of Higher Education reported. To meet these needs, the board proposed a series of "in-service" training projects for pastors. Under the plan, pastors would meet for two-week periods of study with theologians and church leaders, Dr.

Gould Wickey, executive secretary of the BHE, explained.

Such "abstract, thorough and unrelenting discipline of theological study" will have great value throughout the church, Dr. Fry said. Delegates approved the program, which will be conducted in 1960 and 1961.

Recruitment program authorized

The size of pastors' wastebaskets became an item of discussion as the Board of Higher Education proposed an expanded program of printed materials to aid in recruiting candidates for Christian vocations.

There's too much promotional literature now and much of it goes into the wastebasket, declared Gilbert E. Olson of Phoenix, Arizona. He urged personal approach by the pastor as the best means for enlisting young people for church work. Various items in the proposed program, such as expensive turn-over charts, were also questioned by delegates.

After debate, the convention agreed to provide $75,000 for the two-year program, but urged the board to "weigh carefully the relative values of personnel and materials" in developing it.

An allied action permitted the Higher Education Board to co-operate with the Executive Board in producing a film on the Lutheran ministry. Such a film would be "a valuable aid for recruitment," the board declared. The Stewardship Department, which has produced many successful films, would direct the production with the costs met from its Motion Picture Reserve Fund, the Executive Board said.

Wagner, Ruff re-elected

Under new constitutional provisions providing a six-year term for officers, President Fry and Secretary F. Eppling Reinartz were for the first time not up for election. Dr. Fry's term continues to 1962, Dr. Reinartz's to 1960.

Dr. Edmund F. Wagner, who has been ULC treasurer since 1951, was returned to office for a six-year term by a nearly-unanimous ballot. A member of St. Matthew's Church, White Plains, N. Y., Dr. Wagner is president of the General Realty and Utilities Corporation of New York and also of that city's Seaman's Bank for Savings.

At the same time Dr. G. Elson Ruff was returned to office as editor of THE LUTHERAN by a 551-25 vote. He has been editor since 1945. Election is for a two-year term.

Forty-year men honored

A thunderous ovation at the Friday afternoon session greeted ten white-haired men who were called to the platform. They were among the 515 delegates who in 1918 had formed the United Lutheran Church as a merger of the General Synod, General Council, and United Synod of the South. Three were again delegates forty years later—Dr. William H. Stackel, Rochester (N. Y.) layman; Dr. M. R. Hamsher, former president of the Central Pennsylvania Synod; and Dr. Luther D. Reed, president emeritus of the Philadelphia Seminary.

Spokesmen for the veterans was goateed, 85-year-old Dr. Reed, who in recent years has been chairman of the commission which produced the new *Service Book and Hymnal*. Dr. Reed called the 40-year record one of "magnificent growth, broadened ecumenical outlook and increased influence on American church life." He praised highly the first ULC president, Dr. Frederick H. Knubel, who from 1918-1944 "welded the church into a strong unit." When he added the

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WASHINGTON

ROBERT VAN DEUSEN

LETTERS ON QUEMOY

RICHARD NIXON'S angry blast against e State Department for releasing infor- ation on how its mail was running in gard to the Quemoy crisis set Washing- n buzzing. It sparked a debate on free- m of information, and the place of blic sentiment in the formation of tional policy.

It all started when an enterprising re- rter called the State Department to ask out public reaction to the administra- n's decision to give Chiang Kai-shek ll U.S. backing in defending Quemoy. me information officer revealed that er 5,000 letters had been received in e last month and that 80 per cent of em were critical of U.S. policy.

There is an unwritten rule in the State epartment that an analysis of mail sen- ment is not public information. There e several reasons: letters to the State epartment are usually on the negative de of a question, and therefore repre- nt only a partial expression of public inion; they are studied along with other ethods of sampling public sentiment, ch as Gallup polls, magazine articles, itorials, and statements by church oups and other responsible organiza- ns; release of information by the State epartment as to the trend of letters re- ived might give the mistaken impres- n that this is considered an adequate oss-section of public opinion.

Whoever answered the reporter's in- quiry either was unaware of this restric- tion or deliberately disregarded it. At any rate, the information was given and was played up in the press as proof that U.S. China policy did not have public support.

Debate

NIXON "blew his top" in a strongly worded statement. He charged that there was a deliberate effort within the State Department to undercut John Foster Dulles and sabotage his policies.

Walter Lippmann, James Reston, and other columnists jumped into the debate. Lippmann said that this sounded like the "old Nixon" making reckless accusations against those who disagreed with him. He warned that while it is true that the right policy is often unpopular, and that foreign policy cannot be made by count- ing letters, no government can afford to ignore public opinion. Reston defended the right of the press to have access to data on expressions of public sentiment.

News reporters tried to pin Secretary Dulles down on whether he considered Nixon's comments justified. Dulles said that the giving out of the information was ill-advised, since it was not accom- panied by an evaluation of the data and by a statement that the State Department position had not changed. He explained that in the negotiations with the ambas- sador of Red China in Warsaw, the American position would be weakened by the release of such information.

The whole incident underscored the fact that what the people think in a democracy is important, and strengthened the power of the press as a channel for constructive criticism of government policies. There may be some tightening up in State Department procedure, but officials will continue to study carefully genuine expressions of popular sentiment.

THANK GOD FOR A MIRACLE

Prayers of the faithful and skill of the surgeons combined in saving child's life

"LET US PRAY"—members of Trinity congregation in Greenville, South Carolina, had heard their pastor say these words many times. Today it was different. The words had unusual meaning and purpose for everyone present.

The congregation stood with bowed heads. A family—father, mother and seven-year-old deaf daughter—knelt at the altar rail. First there was silent prayer by all the congregation, then a special prayer of thanks by the pastor

oncluding with the Lord's Prayer and a enediction.

Before the prayers the congregation ad read in unison with the pastor the ccount of the healing of 10 lepers by esus, and how one came back to give hanks. These verses gave the setting for hat was taking place in Trinity Church.

THE OCCASION was a special service of hanks prompted by the safe return and covery of a little girl. Carol Ann Freean had undergone a serious operation the University of Minnesota hospital Minneapolis. This was the first Sunday home afterward. It was a joyful occaon. A service of "Thanksgiving" was rtainly in order.

About a year before this the Freeman mily, parents and two daughters, beme interested in Trinity Church rough the day school. Carol Ann, then x years old, was enrolled in the school. lthough she was deaf and dumb she ade good progress. She was good at ading lips and quick to follow what her children did.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. reeman, were of non-Lutheran backound. They had been church members one time, each of a different faith, but d drifted away and were not then inrested or active in any church.

They decided to attend the pastor's ass at Trinity and learn more about utheran faith. They became members d proved eager to learn and serve.

Some months later this new-found ith and loyalty were put to a test. An amination of Carol Ann revealed a seous heart condition which would reuire surgery. Without this the child ould grow weaker and her span of life ould be short.

WYNNE C. BOLIEK
stor of Trinity Church, Greenville, S. C.

THE FREEMAN FAMILY was now faced with three serious problems—1) the decision to risk the operation, 2) finding funds to meet the cost, and 3) securing sufficient blood for necessary transfusions.

For the first problem the parents sought answer in prayer and consulted with their pastor. They decided to trust all to God's care. They would go ahead with the operation and abide by God's will for their child's life.

Through their physician an appointment was made with a noted heart surgeon—Dr. Walton Lillehei of Minneapolis—and reservations made at the University of Minnesota heart hospital.

The second problem also caused much concern. The answer would come only through the providence of God and Christian friends. Mr. Freeman is employed by the "Winn-Dixie Grocery Company," a large super-market chain in the South. He drives a bread truck on a run between Greenville, S. C., and Raleigh, N. C., making two and three round trips per week.

He has been able to support his wife and two daughters fairly comfortably, make payments on their home, pay on household appliances, but did not have funds necessary for such an emergency.

The pastor talked with the religious news editor for a local paper. This resulted in a feature article. The writer said later—"I am rather chicken-hearted and dread making contact with such problems, but the radiant Christian spirit of this family is contagious. It was a privilege to serve them. They gave me a lift."

THE NEWSPAPER article brought a good response. A number of persons sent contributions. One salesman from out of town sent a check saying he wanted to

LITTLE GIRL COMES HOME

help and that he had a little daughter who is a spastic. Several community groups and clubs received funds. The Winn-Dixie firm gave round-trip plane tickets for Carol Ann and her parents from Greenville to Minneapolis. Members of Trinity Church contributed almost $500 spontaneously without solicitation. Gifts from all sources did not meet the cost of several thousand dollars, but were of great help to this family.

THE ANSWER to the third problem really proved a blessing to many people. The Freemans were informed that some 15 pints of blood would be needed for transfusions. An added problem was that Carol Ann has a rare type blood—only about 15 per cent of the people have it, and it cannot be stored in the blood bank more than 24 hours before surgery. This eliminated possible donors among friends in Greenville. The problem was to find blood to match and secure donors among Christian friends in Minneapolis, who would share for this child whom they did not know.

THE PASTOR of Trinity Church wrote to friends in Minneapolis—Dr. Clemen H. Zeidler, president of Northwest Lutheran Seminary . . . Dr. Paul L. Wetzler pastor of Salem Church . . . Dr. John Rilling, pastor of St. John's Church . . . and the Lutheran Bible Institute. The need was explained and assistance requested.

All responded in a wonderful way. These did not spare any effort to give assistance. The result: A total of 2 pints (original estimate, 15) was made available. In addition, Pastors Rilling and Wetzler gave untold help, comfort and guidance to this family.

Time for the operation was set, then elayed. Finally, after several weeks, e anxious hour arrived. As the time ew near, Mrs. Freeman wrote her pas- r in Greenville, saying—"I am afraid nd don't want to be. Please pray for s." Dr. and Mrs. Rilling came and ayed with the Freemans for four hours uring the operation.

Each Sunday for several weeks before e operation prayer was offered during orship at Trinity Church for Carol Ann nd her family.

THE SURGERY was successful. The ouble was relieved, this child would ave a chance. After sufficient hours ad passed following the operation, an r mail letter was on its way from Mrs. reeman to her pastor saying—"At last e have good news." What a burden had een lifted from their hearts! We con- nued to offer prayers at worship, and ow they were prayers of thanks and etitions seeking speedy recovery.

During the period of recovery, new- ound friends in Minneapolis joined in elebrating Carol Ann's seventh birthday. Dr. Wetzler and staff were leaders in is. Many others brought birthday re- membrances.

The Freemans returned to Greenville. On the following Sunday at worship in Trinity Church the special period of hanksgiving was observed. This was when Carol Ann and her parents came nto the chancel. This was not highly emotional, but rather a uniting of minds in sincere thanks to God for literally giving back a precious life.

THIS SERVICE of thanks let the public know that the Lutherans believe in prayer for the sick, and that God heals. In the midst of the "holiness" and other groups who would make it appear they have the "inside track" in the matter of healing, we Lutherans did not forget to come back and give thanks.

St. John's Church, Minneapolis, has now established a "blood donor club" as a result of this service for an unknown child. This means "blood transfusion insurance" for those in need.

Trinity congregation, Greenville, and the Freemans are all richer spiritually because we remembered to return and give thanks for God's wonderful blessings. The Freeman family love their Lord and their church more than ever. They are in their pew for worship each Sunday—also participate in other church activities.

Carol Ann went on Labor Day to the state school for the deaf. She got quite a thrill out of helping her mother stamp the name "Carol Ann" on her clothing and linens. She found a light spot on one of her puppies and stamped it also, because she wanted to take it too.

We at Trinity Church have a finer and fuller understanding and appreciation of the word "neighbor"—it has new significance in our hearts.

CHRISTIANS ARE witnessing for Christ or against him in every human relationship. Christians make positive witnesses—intentionally or otherwise—when they do not even think of witnessing. Our Christian responsibility to others motivates us to be always at our best.

—HOWARD W. ELLIS in *Evangelism for Teen-Agers* (Abingdon)

New Leaders Are Chosen

Membership up to 163,688 . . . They gave more than $1 million to church program last year

By RICHARD K. BRUNNER

WITHIN MINUTES after the convention of United Lutheran Church Women adjourned in Toronto's Royal York Hotel on Sept. 30 the newly elected 21-member executive board elected ULCW's candidate secretary Josephine I. Darmstaetter as successor to Dr. Nona M. Diehl, executive secretary, who will retire in May after 31 years of service.

The board's action climaxed five days of meetings in the spacious concert hall of the hotel. There were 1,725 delegates and visitors from the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and other countries, and they heard an impressive array of speakers and transacted a monumental amount of business in an atmosphere of congeniality and good will.

Mrs. Roy L. Winters, Spring City, Pa., was elected ULCW president for the 1958-1961 triennium. She has been a ULCW member for almost 40 years, and served the organization as vice president for the past six years.

Mrs. William S. Chandler of Appleton, Wis., was elected vice president; Mrs. C. W. Fagerlin, Tacoma, Wash., recording secretary; and Mrs. A. W. Lotz of Kitchener, Ontario, statistical secretary. The treasurer, Mrs. M. F. Rheingans of Brookfield, Wis., was re-elected.

THE WOMEN heard ULCA President Dr. Franklin Clark Fry twice. The first time, at an informal session he answered 75 questions submitted by the women. He said there has been "excellent progress" toward merger of the United Lutheran Church with the Augustana, Finnish, and American Evangelical churches. There is hope that the new constitution will be ratified by the four churches in 1960.

Josephine Darmstaetter will be executive secretary of ULCW following the retirement of Dr. Nona Diehl (shown at right)

Answering a question on racial integration, he said, "I know of no other way of being obedient to my Lord Jesus Christ than by being willing to be in a congregation with others of his children no matter what race they are. We believe that organizing segregated congregations, whether Negro, white, or Oriental, is very doubtful business."

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In his second appearance before the ULCW, Dr. Fry spoke of unity and truth, the twin imperatives that the Christian church has to obey to be faithful to its Lord." He drew a sharp distinction between truth and unity, noting that the

aims of these two are often in conflict with each other.

Dr. Fry warned against merger at all costs—particularly at the expense of beliefs, and to the detriment of the whole purpose of the church which is to be a channel for the grace and truth of God."

The opposite extreme that puts the accent on truth and not on unity at all," equally dangerous, he cautioned. The ability to be able to distinguish between the two, Dr. Fry stressed, is vital to the overall success of the church's purpose.

The convention was told that an end to nuclear tests can only come about with the full recognition of Red China by the West. The speaker, Dr. O. Frederick Nolde of Philadelphia, director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council, advocated "a peaceful offensive" in order to resolve peacefully the crises in troubled areas of the world.

Delegates and visitors were told by Dr. Nolde that "international agreements on some of the world's most pressing problems cannot move forward very far without including representatives of whatever government is in power on the mainland of China." He suggested that United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammerskjold appoint a commission to recommend immediate preventive or remedial action in the China dispute.

In its three-year report, the ULCW

Mrs. Roy Winters was elected president

executive board said the organization has contributed more than $23,000,000 to the church in its 40-year history. During the same period, delegates were told, the ULCW has supported 178 women missionaries. ULCW membership stands at an all-time high of 163,688 with organizations in 30 of the 32 ULC synods.

Official magazine of ULCW, *Lutheran Woman's Work,* is celebrating its 50th anniversary and has 68,821 subscribers. The convention saw a dramatic presentation, "Anniversary Memories," written by Mrs. Richard T. Sutcliffe, a member of the executive board, which documented the progress of Lutheran women's work in the last half-century.

THE WOMEN heard addresses by the directors of the ULCA's boards of American, foreign and social missions.

Dr. Donald L. Houser, executive secretary of the American Board, said "the church must return to the city with strength to fill the religious vacuum in which millions of city dwellers live." The ULCW has earmarked $195,000 of its 1959 budget for American Missions.

Dr. Earl S. Erb, executive secretary of the Foreign Board, told delegates and visitors that the task of foreign missions remains "unfinished and is more challenging than ever." He said the ULC is making every effort "to meet the new situations that are constantly arising" in countries where the church has missions. The ULCW will contribute $527,600 to the church's foreign missions in 1959.

Dr. Harold Haas, executive secretary of the Social Missions Board, said evangelism is a central part of the program of the ULC, "the greatest gift" the church has to offer.

He commended the ULCW for its "magnificent" work during the past year on the theme "Christ, the Church and Race." One important product of this effort, Dr. Haas said, was a consultation conducted at Charlotte, N. C., attended by delegates from all ULCA southern synods. The ULCW has allotted $12,500 to the Board of Social Missions in 1959.

TO CONTINUE its vast work, the ULCW convention adopted a $1,150,000 budget. Originally the proposed budget was $1,110,000 but delegates favored a $40,000 increase to meet contingencies.

Dr. Diehl was honored by her co-workers and by the convention for her three decades of service to the ULCW. Mrs. John B. Moose of Leesville, S. C., retiring president, paid tribute to Miss Diehl's ability and friendliness.

In her last formal address before the convention, Miss Diehl said there will always be a future for a women's program—even after the proposed four-church merger.

"There will always be opportunity to go into the world in assisting to proclaim the gospel," she told the women. "There will always be a women's program in the church. Whether it be an auxiliary as at present or whether it have a different relationship to the church, women will always be an important part of the church's program."

EXPERIENCE shows us that when we try to put a wall around our hearts to defend them against the sorrows of the world, the defensive wall becomes a restricting prison.

—W. R. MATTHEWS in *Some Christian Words* (Macmillan)

What United Lutherans have been doing . . . .

THE CHURCH'S BOARDS TOLD DAYTON CONVENTION ABOUT THE WORK THEY HAVE BEEN DOING IN 1956-58

EDUCATION

SATELLITE FEVER has affected the church colleges, forcing more attention in science courses. But emphasis on the material and physical must not be allowed to overbalance the spiritual and ethical, the Board of Higher Education cautioned in its report to the Dayton convention. Scientific training is needed, but should not eclipse nurture of the mind and spirit.

THE CHURCH'S colleges and seminaries are challenged in the report to "continue to produce spiritually mature and responsible leaders in religion, education, international relations, the humanities, government, science and technology.

"Intellectual capacities to push out the frontiers of knowledge are gifts of God," the report states. Right use of these capacities "can be an expression of Christian stewardship on its highest level."

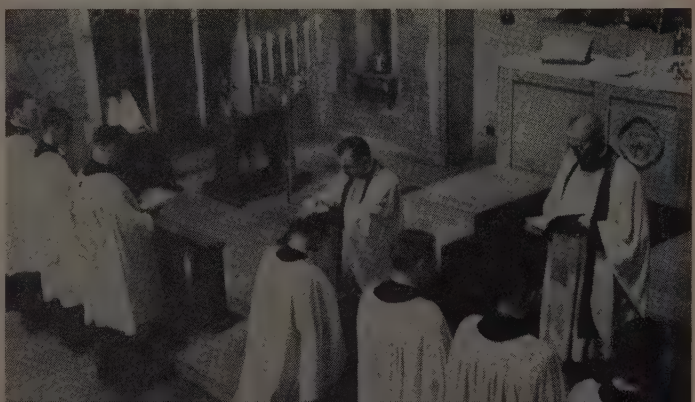
REVIEWING two years of activity, the Board of Higher Education put major stress on one question: how to satisfy the church's need of men and women to serve full-time. The Harrisburg convention in 1956 directed the board to find out how, then to set up a co-ordinated program in which all the agencies of the church can help.

THE 1958 report shows that it is really two programs in one, though both are concerned mainly with church occupations. First comes "Christian Vocational Guidance," based on the belief that every person is called to serve God in whatever occupation he may choose.

This aims broadly at "motivating persons consciously to relate their occupational lives to God and his work of extending the kingdom," the report says.

The other program is "Recruitment

ORDINATION . . . 219 NEW PASTORS, 450 NEEDED



for Church Vocations." It outlines specific ways to enlist and train specialized personnel including social workers, parish workers, teachers, writers, missionaries, deaconesses, as well as men for the ministry.

Function of the board in this scheme is to co-ordinate, not to act as an employment agency for the whole church. The board can help in the role of a clearing house and channel of information on personnel needs and resources. It can assist boards and synods to set up recruiting programs. It can consult with schools to develop the kind of training needed.

WHAT BOTHERS the board—and the church—is the continuing shortage of pastors. A survey this year shows the colleges and seminaries aren't turning out enough ministers to fill vacancies. There were 304 men needed on Jan. 1 for parish ministry and 150 more for chaplaincies, welfare service, and other nonparish work, the board reported. But only 219 new pastors were graduated from theological seminaries this year.

The shortage, according to the board, threatens the progress of the home mission program. And there aren't enough pastors in sight to keep pace with the growing numbers of hospital patients, students, and prison inmates needing special ministries.

The church must intensify efforts to get more candidates for the ministry. Vocational guidance and recruitment programs, as described, are expensive.

Added costs arise from the board's proposal to provide new promotional materials, three new committee studies of vocational problems, three types of recruiting conferences, and several kinds of printed and audio-visual aids for use at camps and summer schools.

The board also renews a proposal to produce a film on the ministry. Cost of a black-white 30-minute film would be about $75,000. Purpose of the film would be to "interpret accurately and effectively" the office of the pastor, his role and functions, qualifications desired in pastors, the church's requirements for a greater number of pastors, and similar information—all in narrative, dramatic form.

THE BOARD of Higher Education's interest in pastors doesn't stop when they hang their diplomas in some parsonage. Part of the 1958 report deals with plans to expand the in-service training program for ministers. It got started in 1956 and 1957 with two preaching institutes held at eastern seminaries.

More post-seminary education projects are planned for 1960-61, in co-operation with the synods and seminaries. The board cites evidence that pastors "need and welcome help in preaching, counseling, teaching, worship and liturgy, and in gaining deeper insight into the gospel and its relevance to our age."

The board recommended support of a proposed $2,000,000 Lutheran college which will be located at Thousand Oaks, California, near Los Angeles. The project is sponsored by five Lutheran bodies under the supervision of the California Lutheran Educational Foundation. The five bodies are pledged to contribute $1,525,000 toward the construction. The additional $610,000 will be raised by the foundation which already has obtained a 206-acre site for the college.

THE BOARD'S REPORT, which was submitted by Dr. Lawrence D. Folkemer, president, and Dr. Gould Wickey, executive secretary, stressed that enrollment in the ULCA's 14 colleges and 10 seminaries is at an all-time high. The numb

f students attending the colleges now otal 14,942. There are 1,186 semi-arians. The total enrollment of 16,128 s an increase of 6.5 per cent over the revious year.

During the biennium, gifts and be-uests to the seminaries and colleges ex-eeded $2,750,000. The Board of Higher ducation, through the consulting com-hittee on scholarships and fellowships, pproved $95,685 to more than 200 stu-ents. Of this, $23,598 went to foreign udents.

"Without the seminaries, colleges and hurch vocations program," the board eported, "the whole structure of the hurch would be in jeopardy. These are he church at work in higher education.

"The central challenge to the church its educational program is to raise its ducational vision to the level of the age which we live. The church must re-ize that it is rich enough and able to arry on all the educational activities for hich it may be responsible."

ENSIONS

THE UNITED LUTHERAN pension plan good, and it is being made better. otable improvements are shown in the port of the Board of Pensions to the nvention in Dayton.

The revised pension program adopted the Harrisburg convention two years o was put into effect Jan. 1, 1957. or the first time a large number of re-ed ministers are now receiving an an-ual $1,200 pension. They will be getting $1,300 minimum next year, and suc-ssive $100 increases until the payment aches $1,500 in 1961.

These pastors were retired before June), 1956. Men retiring since then are in different situation because they are igible for Social Security benefits.

THE CHECKS ARE BIGGER THIS YEAR

Some, being over 60 on that date, are guaranteed at least $900 a year. Younger men will get, on retirement, annuities based on the amounts paid by and for them to the church's contributory pension funds.

Since the contributory plan wasn't started until 1944, its members can't match the minimums paid from endowment and other funds to come to older pastors. But each year finds the plan carrying a larger share of the total pension payments.

THE CONTRIBUTORY PLAN now enrolls more than 3,300 active pastors in the church. They pay in 4 per cent of their salaries, the congregations contribute 8 per cent. Nine of every ten newly ordained pastors are joining.

The church's family protection plan, a death benefit insurance available at a flat rate to members of the contributory plan, is growing rapidly in acceptance. This year its coverage was extended to seminary students, many of whom are married before graduation. Upon ordination, of course, these men must join the contributory pension plan to keep the protection.

Beginning next January, benefits under the family protection plan will be paid

on a modified sliding scale. The amount decreases with the aged of the insured; but instead of dipping in $1,000 steps from the $7,000 maximum (at age 40), it will now take a more gradual course, in annual $200 steps.

The Board of Pensions also submitted to the convention a proposal to help pastors' widows who aren't eligible for Social Security. A widow generally gets half of what the pastor's pension would be. If she is less than 62 years old, and has no child under 18, her pension income might be quite small.

INSTEAD OF computing her pension to provide a level annuity, the board would apply the husband's combined accumulation in the contributory pension fund to provide a temporary larger annual payment until she reaches 62 and starts receiving social security. If this amount is less than $900 a year, she would receive nothing more from the church after age 62. If it is more than $900, the remainder would be continued as a life annuity.

Besides administering pensions for pastors and their widows, the board also operates a lay pension plan for employees of congregations and church agencies, and a group insurance plan providing death benefits for such employees. The Board of Publication's separate pension plan was brought under the supervision of the pension board last year.

Dr. George H. Berkheimer, executive secretary of the board, considers a large part of his work as pastoral. The board has 1,400 pensioners on its rolls.

"We endeavor to keep in touch with the members of the pension family as frequently as possible," Dr. Berkheimer reports. "Most contacts are through correspondence, but occasionally it is possible to visit with them in their homes."

THE BOARD also provides emergency assistance to pensioners confronted with annual expenses, as for long illness. This aid is possible through funds contributed during the Advent Appeal. Emergency assistance is being given to 51 persons this year.

Much of Dr. Berkheimer's time is devoted to interpreting the pension program throughout the church. He visits each of the ten seminaries annually to contact all students. He also meets with synod officers and pension committees.

Growth of the church's pension assets has been rapid in the past biennium, the report shows. Total assets on last June 30 amounted to $19,300,000, of which $13,870,000 was in the contributory funds. The total gain was $4,600,000, or 31 per cent, since June 30, 1956.

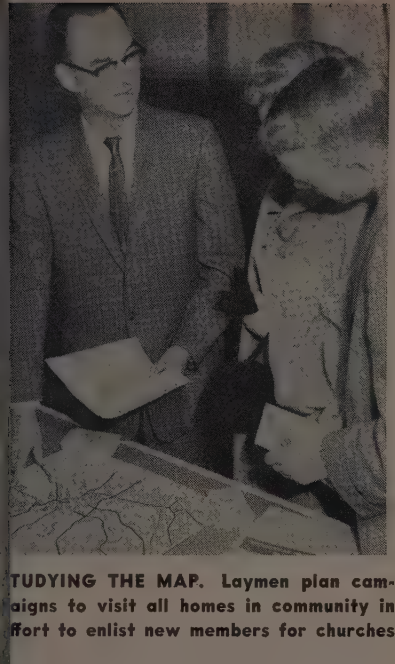
Investment return on all funds was 3.9 per cent as compared with 3.5 per cent two years ago.

SOCIAL MISSIONS

THE TWO-YEAR Lutheran Evangelism Mission closed nearly a year ago, but its momentum carried through this year's follow-up program, and will be felt throughout the church for years to come.

Reporting to the ULCA convention at Dayton, the Board of Social Missions looks more to the future than it dwells in the past. A long-range program of evangelism at the congregational and personal level is needed, the board says. The mission of 1956-57 and its follow-through efforts of 1958-59 are described as temporary stages in a program that should infuse everything the church does.

"No OTHER Protestant denomination in America has engaged upon such an all-out, comprehensive evangelistic effort among so many of its congregations in so concentrated a time span," says the



TUDYING THE MAP. Laymen plan campaigns to visit all homes in community in effort to enlist new members for churches

oard regarding the Evangelism Mission. The report lists a number of positive alues gained in the ULC. First, it restored evangelism to its rightful place in he church. Suspicions in some quarters hat the movement was associated with evivalism and emotionalism were dispelled.

Second, laymen became involved in he witness of the church more than ever efore. One out of every eleven confirmed members, 127,025 in all, made re-mission visits on fellow members. ne out of every fourteen visited prospective members.

Truly, the report goes on, the spiritual fe of many a congregation was deepned during the mission, though this can't e proved by figures. "The missions multiplied the preaching of the gospel, family orship, individual and corporate prayer, and members visiting fellow-members on Christ's behalf. Where these things occur, spiritual life is deepened."

Also cited among LEM results are the large number of commitments, a total of 97,229 in two years; cultivation of a new kind of teamwork among ULCA congregations in various areas; closer friendship between ULCA congregations and those of other Lutheran church bodies; and the beginnings of stronger synodical leadership in evangelism.

THE BOARD mentions some "grave inadequacies" in the LEM program. One was that evangelism tended to become pigeon-holed as a special activity rather than the chief business of the church. Another was that many congregations were untouched—865 out of 4,447 failed to participate. A serious fault is the "spotty" follow-through in participating congregations.

"The temptation was for a congregation to set evangelism aside after the long mission concentration in order to move on to other concerns that had to be deferred. Thus the momentum was badly blunted."

Looking ahead, the board has authorized a scholarly study of the nature and scope of evangelism. This would explore behind methods and programs into the meaning and dimensions of the church's witness.

Meanwhile the board urges that all the basic elements in year-around evangelism should be continued and further developed. Basics include self-study of the congregation in its community, outreach to all races and classes, and regular lay visits on members and prospective members.

THE BOARD OF SOCIAL MISSIONS, responsible broadly in the field of Christian service, has other functions besides lead-

ership in evangelism. Through inner missions it expresses the church's "response to man's need in direct, face-to-face service, ministering to the whole person in his spiritual, physical or emotional distress."

A wide range of such services during the past biennium is reported by the board's inner mission department. Its role is largely one of guidance and aid to synods in their operation of Lutheran health and welfare institutions and agencies.

Current activities include preparation of an inner missions manual for use of synodical committees and agency and institution executives, providing chaplains for veteran institutions, and special ministries to the blind, deaf and aging.

IN A THIRD FIELD, social action, the board reports important developments. A major event was the publication of the three-volume study on *Christian Social Responsibility* in 1957. In the same year the board conducted studies and schools on race relations, a theme being followed by current action programs, conferences, and research projects in many areas.

Newest social action project is the Faith and Life Institutes. Five pilot programs were held in the past year. The board asked the convention to authorize plans for ten institutes a year in 1959 and 1960.

What is a Faith and Life Institute? Its basic purposes are 1) to interpret the Christian faith to the laity; 2) to relate the Christian faith to vocational and public life, and 3) to achieve free communication between the "world" and the church.

"The standards by which even our most faithful church members make their decisions in daily life," says the Board of Social Missions report, are "often the standards of secular society rather than the community of faith.

"Our task here is to span the gap of irrelevance that splits the professed faith of the people of our churches from their daily involvements and responsibilities."

The pilot Faith and Life Institutes brought together small groups of people holding similar interests to discuss their special problems. One was for average laymen, one for midwest farmers, one for industrial management people, one for doctors. Another was a "women only" conference.

AT NONE of the institutes was there an attempt to come up with "answers." It was felt that the real purpose was to discuss and generate serious thinking about problems. The church's role in the programs was to "begin with people where they are, accepting them . . . and evidencing a loving concern for them and an understanding of their situations."

In future institutes, it was admitted, ways must be found to recruit more participants who are really outside the church. In the pilot projects the social action staff had to rely mainly upon efforts of pastors for attendance, so quite naturally many active church people were enlisted.

DEACONESS WORK

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH is taking a new look at women's work. The appeal for more full-time women church workers has stimulated plans for a broad recruitment program involving several of the church's boards and agencies.

The Board of Deaconess Work has long experience in enlisting and training women for church service. ULCA deaconesses today serve in 56 vocations within the church.

The Board of Deaconess Work's report to the ULCA convention at Dayton states that the diaconate for 75 years has recorded continuous growth and "has never been healthier." Demand for deaconesses is increasing. "There are 96 unanswered formal requests for deaconess service in file," the report says.

In 1910 the first specialized school for preparation of full-time women workers was opened in Baltimore. In 1943, both motherhouses inaugurated courses in special fields, at Philadelphia for women preparing for health and welfare services, and at Baltimore for parish work and related duties. The two schools have trained a total of 1,195 deaconesses and lay workers.

An accelerated program of recruitment was launched in 1943. It kept three field secretaries busy for four years. At the same time the board developed an efficient program for placement and counseling of women church workers.

Latest pioneer project of the Board of Deaconess Work is the AIDS program, authorized by the Harrisburg convention two years ago. This was a plan to enlist women willing to contribute one year to church service.

The short-term workers were called Associates in Deaconess Service. They were assigned to varied kinds of service in parishes, agencies and institutions after a three-weeks' indoctrination course.

Thirty women took the opportunity to serve the church during the first year of the program. Four of them remained to enter full-time work. Ten new candidates were assigned to duties this fall. This is considered a good start for what was undertaken as an experiment.

The women in AIDS range in age from 21 to 64; in education from one year of high school to graduate study and degrees; in experience from homemaking to business and the professions. They use their skills as teachers, secretaries, visitors, youth workers, housemothers, office workers and case aides.

ANOTHER AID. Women are being recruited for one-year terms as a new experiment in securing full-time women workers . . .

The demand for AIDS already is greater than the supply. Parishes and agencies that have used them want more; others are eager to get them.

The board's report shows that 180 students for the diaconate and other full-time church work were enrolled during the past two years at the two deaconess schools. These included 41 deaconess students, 15 non-diaconate students, 68 in summer sessions, and 56 in evening classes.

Twelve women were consecrated as deaconesses since the 1956 convention. As of last Jan. 1, there were 157 active ULCA deaconesses, 18 retired and 33 in training.

As I Remember 1918

By HELEN M. KNUBEL

Daughter of first United Lutheran Church president recalls hour when the big merger was finally brought to completion

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room. He was on the platform, and a lady next to me, a stranger, wondered, "Do you know the name of the new president?"

I hesitated a moment. Would she think me boastful? But then I quickly answered, "Yes—he's my father—he's Pastor Knubel."

I didn't know at the time what he was president of. But I was terribly proud of him. He was always being made chairman of this, or head of that, and I knew he was attending some synod or merger meeting. I was not surprised when he ended up at this meeting as president. I found out later, from him, that this was the great new Lutheran church body, called the United Lutheran Church in America, and that in the election of the president he was not the first choice of delegates. He was not elected until the fourth ballot, and was a "dark horse."

EVEN IN church matters the human element is a very strong factor. There was somewhat of a scramble for this office. Great tact had to be shown in choosing officers so that each of the three merging bodies would contribute one. None of the men first suggested for the presidency suited everyone. So they found a dark horse—a man who had shown organizing ability as chairman of the Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare, a man who had proved that Lutherans could work together—the Rev. Frederick H. Knubel, a member of the General Synod, one of the three merging bodies.

The secretary elected was a member of the United Synod of the South—the Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, and the treasurer elected was a layman from the General Council, a Philadelphia banker—Mr. E. Clarence Miller.

The divine element was there, too, in bountiful measure, and God's grace guided the officers and their strong executive board through the years. The original constitution was a wise one, setting down strong principles without narrow details. The executive board gained power not by legal authority but by merit of its counsel.

THE FORMATION of the United Lutheran Church, one-third of all the Lutherans in America at that time, was a logical event and not so much a new merger as the reuniting of bodies which had at one time or another been one. All three merging groups stemmed from the General Synod and then back to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. They had become separate in the 1860s due both to disrupting influences and to pressures of widespread growth. The Civil War, of course, had divided the North and South.

Now, after many years of preparing for it, growth was consolidated into strength and the cruel wounds of North and South were healed.

THIS IS A PERSONAL reminiscence and, therefore, I lapse again into talking about my father. Many have said that he was the right man for those years. His experience in the business world before entering the ministry, coupled with his logical mind, served him well as the organizing head of the largest Lutheran group in America.

He had been offered high positions in two leading industries and refused them without hesitation. All this helped him to understand the layman's point of view. But his respect for and confidence in laymen stemmed also from the fact that it was a consecrated layman who influenced him to enter the ministry.

His constant remembrance of the local pastors and his steady prayers for them

FIRST OFFICERS OF THE UNITED CHURCH
Secretary Scherer, President Knubel, Treasurer Miller

taught me that congregations were the chief thing in this United Lutheran Church.

As the years went along, mergers and Lutheran unity still were talked about and acted upon. Through the National Lutheran Council the various bodies practiced more and more co-operation and grew in understanding. The ULCA had a great part in the formation of the Lutheran World Convention, and in the reorganization of the Convention into the Lutheran World Federation.

Time has shown that the early conservatism in entering into ecumenical movements was not stubborn blindness, but wise and lucid thinking, acting all the while toward the goal. I remember my father saying during the first ten years that every other day an appeal came to his desk to join something, to have the ULCA name on another letterhead. Energy and time were conserved for playing a vital part in the conferences on Faith and Order, and Life and Work, which culminated in the formation of the World Council of Churches.

The earnest desire of the Lutheran Church to develop true Christian unity is proven by the important role now being played in the World Council by the second president of the ULCA, Dr. Fry.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry is a giant and a genius, and once again the ULCA has the right man for these years. Here, too, personal recollections crowd into my mind. He and my brother were great friends. He in his theological student days and I, at ULCA conventions, sometimes did crossword puzzles together in the visitors' gallery. This was only for dull times, for when discussions grew lively Franklin Fry darted down to the convention floor.

As I write this, the ULCA has started on its fortieth year. When I was younger, I felt that somehow the ULCA was in the keeping of my father. I know now that always it is in the keeping of our Father.

By DONALD OTTINGER

4. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER

"Aw! YOU'RE chicken, Johnnie!"

It is difficult for a boy to stand up against that kind of criticism. The respect of one's friends is pretty important, even if their judgment is wrong.

Johnnie denied the accusation, but the other fellows would not let it go at that.

"You're forever blowin' about how your old man flew so many dangerous missions in the war. Well, if he was so brave, why ain't you got more guts?

"If you want to be tied to your mother's aprong strings, okay! We're just goin' for a ride. We'll be back before your mom gets home from work."

So JOHNNIE BLAIR finally gave in, and climbed into the jalopy. As the car pulled away from the curb he remembered his books, lying on the counter at the soda fountain in the drug store. But they were already moving, so he figured he would pick them up when they got back.

The noise of the car itself almost drowned out the shouting of the seven boys jammed into the seats as they shot down Forty-eighth street past the high school and headed toward the out-of-town highway. The speedometer soon registered sixty miles per hour, and even allowing for its inaccuracy, there was no doubt that they were exceeding the speed limit. Johnnie felt the thrill of speeding down the open highway.

However, in a day when men talk about moving faster than sound, seventy miles per hour, can seem to be rather unexciting after awhile. Thus, the gang began to discuss other thrill possibilities. Had any of them ever tried to see how many miles one could go without touching the driver's wheel?

How about seeing how close they could come to the next car that came toward them? Had any of them ever stolen a car? It was easy. And if you didn't stay with it too long, there was no danger of getting caught.

HOW ABOUT faking a stick-up just for laughs! That little country storekeeper at Five Corners would probably flip his wig if they held him up.

This was going too far, Johnnie thought. What kind of a mess was he getting into? This was not the kind of bravery that had left his father buried in Japan. This was ridiculous. It wasn't just that Mom would be crazy-worried if she realized where he was. There was just no sense in a stupid mess like this.

He spoke to the driver of the car.

"Carl, turn around and head back to the city. I've got to go home."

" 'Smatter, Johnnie, scared?"

"No,. I've just had enough. Either take me back or drop me at the Medtrolley station. I've got things to do."

There was a lot of kidding and razzing on the part of the other fellows, but finally they gave in and left him at the trolley stop. When Johnnie got home after having picked up his books at the store, his mother was already there.

SHE SAID, "You're late, Johnnie."

But Johnnie had the feeling that those few words said, also, "I trust you Johnnie, because your father and I have

tried to make you see us as the kind of people who can be trusted."

The next morning it was all in the paper. Johnnie and his mother always had breakfast together since they had to leave the house at about the same time. Johnnie saw it first.

"Teen-agers Caught in Hold-up." The headline on the front page seemed to block out everything else. The story told how the boys had held up Adam Forsbert in his store and had started away with the contents of the cash register. But they had practically walked into the arms of two state policemen, who had followed their speeding car for miles.

The names were being withheld, the papers said, because of the boys' ages, but books found in the car indicated they were all students at West End high school.

"I wonder if you know them?" Johnnie's mother said.

"Yes, I know them," Johnnie said, "and you know, Mom, if it weren't for you and the kind of Dad I had, I might have been with them."

"That's a nice thing for a boy to say to his mother," Mrs. Blair thought, and went to work, proud that Johnnie was her son.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

IT IS SIGNIFICANT that the idea of the family was taken by Jesus as the best illustration of the spiritual relationship. The family was, of course, basic to Hebrew thinking. Not to honor one's parents would have been a completely unnatural attitude.

So, when Jesus talked of the relationship of God and man, the finest analogy he could offer was that of father and son. And yet, even in that day, it was necessary to remind men of their obligation of respect for their elders.

To place this commandment on a plane with the others is to bring new insight into a relationship frequently just taken for granted. There are two phases to be recognized. 1) Respect for those who are older, and an appreciation for their sacrifices made in behalf of the children. To hear a great man say he owes his success to his mother, or that his father made possible certain attainments, may seem somewhat trite, but only because it has been true so often.

The faith and encouragement given by parents to their children are often much more valuable than physical support or financial aid. And there is seldom a success story where that has not been an important factor.

2) WISDOM that comes of long experience. Youth is impetuous and impatient and too often inclined to leap before he looks. His natural inclination is to brush aside the advice of his elders, who are so cautious and seem to be without daring.

However, there is no better teaching than experience. Thus the wisdom gathered along the way by those of advanced years must not be brushed aside lightly. We would not dampen the enthusiasm of the young, but we must not ignore the wisdom of the old.

One can imagine Moses with two reins in his hand—one upon the daring youngsters, come to adulthood so recently, that they could not remember the hardships, and who strained to move faster into the Great Unknown—and the other upon the seers who knew the need for conserving strength and nerve for the droughts and famines and hardships that still lay between them and the Promised Land.

And so God inspired him to inscribe this word, "Honor your father and your mother."

Ordination of women approved

SWEDEN: Malmo. Sept. 28.—YESTERDAY the church assembly voted 69-29 to accept a governmental bill which opens the ministry of the Church of Sweden to women. The minority voted with Bishop Giertz to reject the bill on biblical grounds. A third course of action was proposed by Bishop Nygren, who wanted to suggest to the government another constitutional manner which would have left the church assembly out of the picture and postponed the effect of the change at least two years. This compromise was favored by Bishops Cullberg and Ljungberg but was voted down. The Archbishop-elect, Dr. Hultgren, Bishop Hylander who chaired the subcommittee that prepared the decision, and Bishop Borgenstierna, who was the first of the bishops to support the bill after its rejection by the assembly of 1957, maintained that the assembly had now to say "yes" or "no" and they favored "yes."

THESE WERE the last actions of Bishop Nygren as a church leader. On Oct. 1 he retires being replaced by Bishop Bolander as the head of the Lund diocese.

Archbishop Brilioth is going into retirement on the same day. Because of his prolonged illness he did not attend this assembly. Bishop Ysander was in the chair, abstaining from voting.

For two full days, sixteen hours, the assembly debated the woman question. But the debate was hardly a debate. The matter had been discussed so thoroughly since the 1957 assembly that there was not much more to say. Every delegate seemed to have made up his mind before coming, and did nothing but declare the standpoint he had taken. The elections in the beginning of the summer had made it evident that the adherents of the bill would be in majority this year, many of last year's opponents were not re-elected.

THE LEADER of the opposition, Bishop Giertz, spoke with resignation, promising, however, to try to maintain the unity of the church, although he hated to work in a church "that made Christ's words invalid" (he alluded to I Cor. 14:37). Another opponent, Dean Gustaf Adolf Danell, predicted a split in the church and said he has no respect for a church which has "fallen from the gospel." The archbishop-elect believed in the possibilities of maintaining unity.

As a consequence of the reform, changes were made in some liturgical formulas, making for instance "her" alternative to "him" in the ordination act. Twenty-two delegates, including Bishop Giertz, wanted to reject these changes, finding that a ministry of women is something quite different from the ministry of men, founded on Scripture.

Opponents and supporters of the bill united on the following three points: 1) Many wanting the reform are driven by a sincere desire to give the church greater possibilities to serve the gospel. 2) The question must be examined on the basis of Scripture, as interpreted by the Lutheran confessions. 3) Jesus and the New Testament introduced a new attitude toward woman, which must be considered when judging the rights of women to enter the ministry.

Ecumenical considerations played hardly any role in the final decisions. The adherents of the reform maintained that the ecumenical situation requires each church to act on its own responsibility. The opponents maintained that the ecumenical situation favored their negative standpoint.

The assembly stressed that the reform should not imply any undue pressure on the conscience of bishops, ministers, and congregations who still find the ministry of women unbiblical and false.

The next move will be when a woman wanting to enter the ministry applies to a bishop, who is free to accept or reject her application. The new law, which will be valid Jan. 1, 1959, gives him freedom to accept her application, but does not force him to do so.

GUNNAR HILLERDAL, associate professor of theology at the University of Lund, is now using *Christian Social Responsibility*, Volume 1: *Existence today*, and Volume 3: *Life in community*, prepared by the ULC Board of Social Missions as textbooks in teaching of theological students. Dr. Hillerdal returned this month from a year as professor in the Northwestern Seminary at Minneapolis.

—STEN RODHE

letters to the editor

Battle about Quemoy

SIR: Your "Conclusion" (*about defense of Quemoy, Sept. 17*) could have been written only by a Communist himself. To blame the U.S. statesmen when they are fighting the worst enemy of Christendom, the Communist forces, can be done only by people who are standing hand-in-hand with Khrushchev and Mao and all other enemies of the Christian world. The letters coming from occupied Baltic countries from true Christians are telling how bad are those visits of western pastors and other churchmen (to Moscow) and are telling that these men are blind or working for special causes. My hope is that the Committee of Un-American Activities will start to investigate THE LUTHERAN. (REV.) ALFREDS GULBIS

Caracas, Venezuela

SIR: I thank God every day for the courage of President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles. (REV.) LUTHER YARGER SEIBERT

Elmhurst, Ill.

SIR: Congratulations for the strength and courage of your editorial on the insane and dangerous China policy of the present administration. It is more than a matter of partisan politics. Our national survival and that of the free world is at stake. If there are those who feel that a church magazine should not speak out on matters of this urgency and moral importance, they have a peculiar idea of what constitutes Christian responsibility. PHIL CLARK

Brookline, Mass.

SIR: Letters from readers in the Oct. 8 LUTHERAN strengthen my long-felt suspicions that the majority of Lutherans in this country are members of a cult that is far more dangerous to the status of democracy in this country than any "subversive" group. This cult can only be titled the "Whiteprotestant-God bless America and He'd better" Party, which has its headquarters in Jingoville, State of Chauvinism, USA, and adores the curious cultic symbol of a cracked bell with a cross embedded in the crack. I can't but be dismayed at the general reaction of your readers to an (at the least) honest statement of belief about a rather critical matter. Undoubtedly these people believe they are "speaking their minds" but in reality they have simply replaced them (the minds) with official cult doctrines.

Philadelphia M. THEODORE HEINECKEN

SIR: "Appalled and discouraged" is the only way I can describe my reactions to the diatribes of arrogant ignorance that some of our members seem to be heaping upon you for your courageous and clear-thinking stand on Quemoy. If this is the sort of church members we're producing, we'd better close up shop or seek more zealously to bring Christian insights to bear in a meaningful way on all parts of life—hopefully, the latter. (REV.) LLOYD A. BERG

New York City

Two Pastors Received at Special Synod Convention

LOUISVILLE—The 103rd annual convention of the Mississippi Synod adjourned last May with a question mark. The assembly had been told that a special convention would be called later to receive clerical applicants who might wish to be received into the membership of the synod. Pastors and delegates returned home wondering when the special convention would be held and how many new pastors would apply for membership.

Questions were answered when Mississippi Lutherans witnessed the reception of two pastors into the synod at a special convention held Oct. 1 at St. John's Church, Louisville.

Received into the synod were the Rev. Donald J. Myers of Forest and the Rev. Henry E. Moyer of Starkville. After their presentation by the Rev. H. C. Linn, secretary of synod, Synod President Walter U. Brown conducted the office for formal reception into the synod.

Pastor Myers is an alumnus of the Citadel and a 1958 graduate of Southern Seminary. He is serving the Burns parish which recently purchased a parsonage in Forest, Miss. Future plans include establishment of a mission congregation in Forest.

Pastor Moyer graduated from Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., and completed studies at Northwestern Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn., in 1954. Prior to his arrival in Mississippi, he organized a mission in Dallas, Texas.

His present work includes the ministry to Faith Lutheran Church, newly organized congregation in Starkville; Redeemer Church, Craig Springs; Shady Grove Church, Sturgis; and service to Lutheran students at Mississippi State College.

Following the reception, President Brown challenged the synod to meet its responsibilities in the 1958 double apportionment goal.

Mississippi adds two names to clerical roster
Pastors Brown, Moyer, Myers and Linn

SOUTH CAROLINA

New Mission Established In Southwest Charleston

By WYNNE C. BOLIEK

COLUMBIA—A new mission is being developed in a fast-developing area across the Ashley River from Charleston. The Rev. Walter E. Pond, Jr., held the first service on Sept. 21. Synod Field Worker J. Shelton Moose represented the synod. Attendance was 126.

Name for this newest South Carolina mission is Holy Comforter Church.

IT'S "CHURCH AFTERNOON" every Wednesday in Camden, Pastor E. Armand Shealy of St. Timothy's Church reports. This mission congregation continues to make progress in a community of well-established churches of other faiths.

By common agreement, no civic, social, or recreational programs for young people or children are to be scheduled on Wednesday reserved for church programs.

A NEW PARSONAGE was dedicated July 6 in the Ehrhardt parish by Synod President Karl W. Kinard, following the installation of the pastor, Walter W. Shealy.

Funds were secured and the parsonage erected within a period of three months.

Newberry College opened its 102nd session with a total of 647 students. This is a record enrollment and represents a 5% increase over last year—also an overall increase of 58.9% in the past five years.

SPEAKER for the joint Reformation service at St. Matthew's Church, Charleston, for Lutheran churches of the area will be Dr. L. Boyd Hamm of Leesville.

CHURCHES of the Charleston area have been engaging in a "self-study program" in evangelism. Aim is an evaluation of the program as it now operates and of the possibilities for more intensive work.

CONTRACT for the new Advent Church, Charleston, was let on a $119,000 bid, not including the furnishings. Construction is in progress. Groundbreaking services were held in June. The Rev. Fred Dufford is pastor.

FOUR YEARS after construction was begun on St. Luke's Church, Prosperity, a special service of thanksgiving was held to mark completion of payment on the $85,000 cost of the building.

TWO EVANGELISM MISSIONS were held in South Carolina during September. The first was in the Ridge area, near Leesville, Sept. 21-25; the second in the Columbia area, Sept. 28-Oct. 2.

A PARSONAGE for Mt. Calvary Church, Johnston (Walter Sigman, pastor), was dedicated early in August.

A PARISH BUILDING was dedicated at Trinity Church, Fairfax (George B. Shealy, pastor), Sept. 14.

South Carolina Synod Occupies New Headquarters Building

New quarters for synod staff were dedicated in Columbia Sept. 28
President Kinard, Treasurer Ballentine, Field Worker Moose

SERVICES for dedication of the new South Carolina Synod headquarters building, 1003 Richland Street, Columbia, were held on Sept. 28. A crowd of several hundred was in attendance.

The act of dedication was conducted by President Kinard.

The lessons were read by the Rev. J. Shelton Moose, synodical field worker.

Messages were given by Dr. Carl B. Caughman, secretary of the synod, and by Mr. Jesse B. Ballentine, treasurer.

NORTH CAROLINA

Need for Home for Aged Felt on Synod Territory

By FRANK K. EFIRD

HICKORY—Interest is mounting in the synod for an institution on the synod's territory to care for the aged and helpless.

The last synodical convention authorized the executive committee "to formulate and present a program as soon as possible for the institutional ministry and care for the aged and helpless within the territory of the synod."

North Carolina Lutherans now support such an institution at White Rock, S. C., in co-operation with the other southern synods.

A 16-PAGE BROCHURE, "Our Stride With God in Today's World," is being distributed by the synod's stewardship committee to all congregations for mailing to their membership.

It will describe the work of the synod and ULC in which each member participates by his giving. Sixty-one congregations are planning to adopt all or part of the sector program this fall.

There will be an area evangelism mission in the Hickory area, Nov. 2-6.

A LARGE NUMBER of North Carolina churches are using the new service book. Pastors report an excellent response to liturgy and hymns.

MRS. C. P. FISHER, JR., a pastor's wife of Rockwell, is the new children's secretary of the synod. She succeeds Mrs. Samuel Sox of Greensboro.

Lenoir Rhyne Crowded

LENOIR RHYNE COLLEGE opened the fall term with a record enrollment of 960 students, 545 men and 415 women. Dormitories have 440 residents.

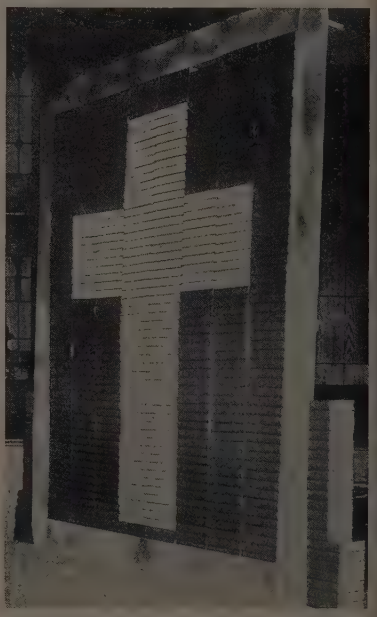
New dean of students is Frantz Bretz, formerly secretary for research of the ULC Board of Parish Education in Philadelphia.

Harry Livengood of Salisbury will become the new business manager on Nov. 1. He was business manager of the city schools of Salisbury and minister of music at St. John's Church there.

R. Brown McAllister of Concord has been appointed to head a special drive to collect $330,000 on unpaid pledges for the $1,500,000 Lenoir Rhyne Development Fund. Mr. McAllister is superintendent of Concord's city schools and a member of the Board of Parish Education of the ULCA.

The new head of the Department of Religion at Lenoir Rhyne is Dr. M. L. Stirewalt. He succeeds Dr. D. P. Rudisill.

CHRIST CHURCH, the synod's newest mission, was organized at Durham Sept. 21 with 52 charter members. Mission developer is the Rev. A. Kenneth Hewitt, Jr.



New hymnals at St. John's, Salisbury
Array of 800 volumes on dedication day with 140, in center cross, given as memorials

First service for St. Timothy's mission in northeast Minneapolis (Columbia Heights-Fridley)
Attendance in public school auditorium on Sept. 21 was 223

Minnesota Lutherans Give Boost to Religious Instruction

By PAUL LUTHER WETZLER

MINNEAPOLIS — Three new weekday hurch schools opened here this month with he resumption of released-time religious struction, the Greater Minneapolis Coun- l of Churches reported.

Overall attendance is 7,000 pupils from 6 elementary schools. The staff of 46 achers and supervisors completed a series f intensive training meetings in preparation or the school. Similar classes are being onducted under Roman Catholic and Chris- an Science auspices.

Adults went to school at St. John's hurch, Minneapolis, for the first of six essions of instruction in theology on Oct. 6. niversity of Minnesota students have en- olled in ten-week religious instruction ourses offered at the Lutheran Student oundation by Dr. George F. Hall.

A problem in volume is being handled at ichfield Church where five Sunday schools perate simultaneously to care for the large nrollment. Church school staff exceeds 00. Five Sunday services are being held.

Lutherans Observe Centennial

A LESSON of a different kind is taught in he play and pageant illustrating the role of utheranism during the 100-year history of he state of Minnesota. Written by James Kerr, associate editor of *One* magazine, the play "Of Grace and Growth" depicts the development of Lutheranism since the early 1850s. It requires a cast of more than 100 and a 60-voice choir.

Performances are scheduled at Rochester (Oct. 23), Duluth (Oct. 24), St. Paul (Oct. 26), Albert Lea (Oct. 27), Willmar (Oct. 28), Fergus Falls (Oct. 29), St. Peter (Oct. 30), and Minneapolis (Nov. 2).

Minneapolis Mission Starts

The "most unchurched county" in Minnesota, Anoka, is getting a new congregation. St. Timothy's Church began holding services in Northeast Minneapolis, the Columbia Heights-Fridley area, on Sept. 21. A school auditorium was crowded by 223 persons attending the service conducted by Mission Developer Dick E. Hamlin in the presence of Northwest Synod's Dr. Dwight Shelhart.

Pastor Hamlin, recent Northwestern Seminary graduate, began work on the field in June and reported last month that the congregation was negotiating for purchase of a ten-acre site.

ANNIVERSARIES were observed at Reformation Church, St. Paul, where Northwest Synod President Paul E. Bishop, Dr. Dorris A. Flesner and Dr. Frank H. Clutz were

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guest preachers in October to mark the congregation's 75th anniversary, and at Salem Church, Minneapolis, where Pastor Paul Luther Wetzler's 30th anniversary of ordination was celebrated in September. One of the events marking the occasion was a reception to which the 1,865 couples Dr. Wetzler had joined in marriage were invited. Over 200 couples attended.

A "REFORMATION DAY" offering is being solicited by the Northwest Synod stewardship committee. Families in every congregation are being urged to contribute at least $5 to help meet the 1958 ULC anniversary budget.

Bemidji Student Center Opened

A FORMER RESIDENCE one block from the campus of Bemidji State College has been converted as Lutheran Student Center. A corporation of local Lutheran church members acquired the property after the National Lutheran Council's division of college and university work had given its consent.

OHIO

Ashland Home for Aged Opens; Dayton Inner Mission to Build

By E. RUDOLPH WALBORN

MEMBERS of congregations in the Ashland-Mansfield area were visitors in September at the state's newest home for the aged, Good Shepherd Home, Ashland. Pastor Wray C. Smith has begun service as home superintendent, following his resignation from Holy Trinity Church, Mansfield, which he had organized and served since 1949. He was the first president of the Good Shepherd Home board, composed of members of ULC and ALC congregations.

First residents are being accepted this month.

INNER MISSION LEAGUE at Dayton is purchasing a former supermarket on the west side of Dayton as a new site for the Inner Mission Industries.

An East Dayton Urban Renewal program will include the present Industries building as well as the Inner Mission headquarters in use since 1934. Cost of the new building is $55,000.

Canton Church Dedicated

ZION CHURCH, Canton, dedicated a $650,000 building combining elements of Gothic and contemporary styles in September. The congregation treated the program as a "do-it-yourself" project, conducted fund-raising campaigns without outside help and the building committee acted as its own general contractor. The system cut cost by $50,000.

Speakers for services scheduled over two months included Synod President Veler, the Rev. Lawrence M. Reese of the Board of Parish Education, Wittenberg College President C. C. Stoughton, Dr. G. Elson Ruff, editor of THE LUTHERAN, and Pastors Carveth Mitchell, Alvin E. Bell, and Walden Holl. Zion's pastor is the Rev. Tom B. Homrighausen.

Dedication of Zion Church, Canton, was marked by two-month series of special services

New Churches for Ohio Synod Congregations

Jerusalem (Acme) Church's new $275,000 plant in Seville

St. John's $160,000 church and parish hall in Hicksville

Reformation mission's plan for future church in Columbus

JERUSALEM (Acme), Seville, near Wadsworth, a rural parish, dedicated a $275,000 church and education building this summer. Pastor is M. Glenn Bishop. The congregation used furnishings of the old church including an organ.

Of contemporary design with stained-glass windows, the church seats 350 with an overflow of 250. Educational space is adequate for the 643 baptized members.

AN L-SHAPED building of Indiana limestone at St. John's, Hicksville (E. Maynard Powell, pastor), provides 11,790 square feet of floor space at a $160,000 cost. The nave seats 244, the chapel an additional 250. Dedication was in June.

REFORMATION mission, Columbus, broke ground Sept. 14 for the first unit, an elevated multipurpose room (*left of sketch*). It will seat 250, and will cost $37,000.

Three further units are outlined on the plot plan for the 5½-acre tract. The main church will seat 520. The congregation, organized in 1956 by Pastor Ralph Ryberg, has 228 adult members

Reformation Service Moves Into Madison Square Garden

By PAUL E. VALENTINER

NEW YORK CITY—Madison Square Garden will be transformed into a gigantic sanctuary on the evening of Oct. 30 for a Protestant Reformation service.

Sponsored by the Protestant Council of the City of New York, it is a first effort for a metropolitan-wide Reformation service. The project is under the direction of the Rev. Joseph F. Quick, executive secretary of the council's department of evangelism.

Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president of Union Theological Seminary, will preach on "The Call to the New Reformation," and Dr. Robert D. Hershey, pastor of Holy Trinity (ULC) Church, will be liturgist.

"This will be a liturgical service," Dr. Hershey emphasized. "This in itself is a bit unusual for a co-operative Protestant service. We will have an altar, cross, candlesticks, and pulpit." Dr. Edgar S. Brown, executive director of the ULCA Department of Worship, collaborated with Dr. Hershey in preparing the service.

Representatives of seven other denominations will participate in the service but Dr. Hershey will conduct the entire liturgy.

PLANS call for a 1,500-voice choir which will be divided into a general choir and a liturgical choir. The latter, composed of singers from churches with liturgical experience, will lead the vast congregation in the responses.

Beginning at 7:00 P.M., while the worshipers assemble, the general choir will sing hymns to help establish an atmosphere of worship. The clergy will gather at St. Luke's Lutheran Church and at 7:30 march in procession the several blocks to the Garden.

"Our purpose in this effort," Mr. Quick said, "is to give witness to our unique Protestant heritage—to show unity within diversity. Our diversity, too often, receives the wrong emphasis when people think in terms of our disagreements. Perhaps we can provide a more positive approach through this united effort. We hope to have 1,000 clergymen in the clergy processional. This in itself will be a great witness of Protestantism."

Long Island Conferences Formed

ORGANIZATION of three new conferences on Long Island was effected in September. Synod President Alfred L. Beck presided at the organization meetings and appointed a constitutional committee in each.

The Brooklyn Conference elected the Rev. Reed Greninger, president; the Rev. Herbert Dixon, vice president; the Rev. Ernest Pretsch, secretary; William Horchheimer, treasurer; and Harold Stewart, lay representative to the synod executive committee.

The Queens Conference elected the Rev. Robert Mohr, president; the Rev. Robert Arnold, vice president; the Rev. Austin Bosch, secretary; Robert Whelan, treasurer; and Judge Gustave W. M. Wieboldt, executive committee lay representative.

The Nassau-Suffolk Conference elected the Rev. Herbert Gibney, Hempstead, president; the Rev. Walter Kortrey, New Hyde Park, vice president; the Rev. Charles Deitz, Massapequa Park, secretary; Jacob Becker, Lynbrook, treasurer; and John Kemp, Merrick, lay representative.

Synod Ordains Two Pastors

KRISTAPS VALTERS, JR., called to Zion-St. Mark's Church, Manhattan, was ordained on Oct. 5 by Synod President Beck. The Rev. Kristaps Valters, Sr., came from Minnesota to preach at his son's ordination.

Following graduation from Philadelphia Seminary in 1956, Pastor Valters studied in Germany as a Trexler Fellow.

He succeeds Herbert Patzelt who went to Germany as staff member of the University of Muenster's institute for the study of Eastern European Protestant churches.

Synod President Beck Installed by Dr. Fry

NEW YORK—Dr. Alfred L. Beck was installed as the sixth president of the 250,000-member Synod of New York and New England, Oct. 1.

The service at St. Peter's Church, Manhattan, was conducted by ULC President Franklin Clark Fry. Dr. Ralph Loew, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Buffalo, and president of the Board of Foreign Missions, preached. Presenting Dr. Beck for induction was Synod Secretary Paul C. White.

Dr. Loew emphasized in his sermon the importance of full co-operation among synod officials, pastors and lay members of the congregations. With persecution rampant in Europe and Asia, he said, and with secularism attempting to take over life in America, every member of the church must witness for Christ in his own office and in his own way. The advance of the church requires that all pieces fit together and function smoothly with one another.

A pectoral cross which belonged to the late Dr. Samuel Trexler, first president of the synod, was presented to the new synod president by Dr. Paul Andrew Kirsch, who has served as interim president since the death of Dr. Frederick R. Knubel in October, 1957.

Liturgist at the induction service was the Rev. Henry E. Horn, Cambridge, Mass.

Donald George Luck was ordained at Incarnation Church, Brooklyn, Oct. 19. Dr. Robert Weiskotten, Richmond Hill, L. I., under whom Pastor Luck will serve as assistant at St. John's Church preached; Pastor Harold Miller assisted.

Dr. Martin Heinecken and the Rev. Robert Bornemann, both of Philadelphia Seminary, will participate in his installation on Nov. 2. Graduated from Philadelphia Seminary in 1957, Pastor Luck studied in Germany on a fellowship for a year.

THE NEW $225,000 St. John's Church in Merrick, L. I., was dedicated Oct. 5. Synod President Beck preached. He was assisted by Dr. Zenan Corbe, former executive secretary of the Board of American Missions, and Pastor Charles D. Moser. Contemporary in style, the new building seats 600.

DR. PAUL ANDREW KIRSCH, former president of the synod, preached and officiated at the dedication of the $250,000 church erected by Grace Church, Forest Hills, L. I., Oct. 19. Participating clergy included Queens Conference President Robert Mohr, Conference Secretary Robert Arnold, and Pastor Leonard Klemann.

New German Consul General Is Active Lutheran Layman

NEW YORK—A German Lutheran layman, prominent in church relief activities in West Germany after World War II, became Consul General of the Federal Republic in New York this month.

DR. FEDERER

Dr. George Federer, 53, a career diplomat, served Hilfswerk, welfare agency of the Evangelical Church in Germany as secretary for ecumenical and international relations from 1945 to 1950. Some of his reports on German relief work appeared in THE LUTHERAN at that time.

He visited the United States in 1949 for a speaking tour on behalf of Lutheran World Action, returned to America as secretary to the German delegation at the United Nations during the investigation on the fate of prisoners of war in the Soviet Union, and later as member of the diplomatic mission to Washington.

Born in Stuttgart, Dr. Federer studied law and entered the German diplomatic service in 1934. He served in Bern, Switzerland, at the time of Germany's surrender.

Two Missions Scheduled for Organization Next Month

By RALPH I. SHOCKEY

TRENTON — Vigorous growth has taken place in the Lutheran churches in New Jersey during the past months. Over 1,000 baptized members will have been added to the synod with the organization of two more missions during 1958. St. Michael's, Delaware Township, is to be organized Nov. 2 and Reformation, Absecon, is scheduled for Nov. 16.

First service for the newly formed Gloria Dei mission in Chatham was held Sept. 21 with over 250 present. Dr. Karl Henry, secretary of the Board of American Mission's department of survey and research, spoke. The Rev. Howard A. Lenhardt, synodical secretary of home missions, assisted. The service climaxed three-and-one-half months of mission work by the Rev. Byard B. Ebling.

First service for the new Messiah mission in Oakland was held Oct. 5.

A FORWARD STEP has been taken by Holy Spirit Church in the Villas with purchase of a $25,000 property which will become the site of the new church, according to Pastor Rev. Richard B. Holzer. The community is growing and more church school facilities are needed.

Youth Retreat Draws 112

YOUNG MEN from 45 congregations attended the first "Sons for the Ministry" rally held at Camp Beisler recently. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, Dr. Edmund Steimle, and Dr. Edwin H. Knudten spoke to the young people about the ministry and its challenges.

CALVARY CHURCH, Cranford, celebrated the 30th anniversary with Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, director of the commission on international affairs of the World Council of Churches, and Synod President Knudten as speakers. Judge James F. Henninger of Allentown, Pa., a prominent Lutheran layman, spoke at the banquet.

A DAY OF MEDITATION was planned by Pastor Carl Uehling for members of St. John's Church, Newark, as part of their 125th anniversary service.

Members came for prayer and meditation between 8 A.M. and 10 P.M. Dr. Knudten and the Rev. David H. Manrodt spoke.

Fire From Heaven

Fire Chief Jerry Farber should join the church, Pastor Robert Parker of Good Shepherd (ULC) Church in Glen Rock thought. And so he went to see Jerry Farber and talked to him about church membership.

Fire Chief Jerry Farber came to church in a hurry a few hours later. Lightning had struck Good Shepherd's steeple, and it took Glen Rock's entire 35-man volunteer fire department to bring the blaze under control. Steeple, roof and Sunday school annex were damaged.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE was paid to Dr. Charles K. Fegley, pastor emeritus of Good Shepherd Church, Weehawken, and veteran ULC and synodical news reporter, by the National Lutheran Council's Division of Public Relations, on his 81st birthday, Sept. 17.

Camp Retreat for New Jersey Youth
Talking it over with synod's H. A. Lenhardt

Elias Okamura Is a Freshman Now

IT'S A LONG WAY from the Palau Islands the western South Pacific to the campus Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, a., and if Elias Okamura could travel all at distance to become a freshman in the LC college he owes it to the Christian con-rn of a few adults and a great number young Luther Leaguers.

Elias is the son of a fisherman on Peleliu land. His father is a Christian but he ought his son ought to get a quick ele-entary education and then take a job with me American-owned company.

But Elias wanted to study. He attended German Lutheran mission school at Koror d graduated from a Guam high school rlier this year. Even before finishing high hool, Elias showed growing interest in urch work. He owed his religious training the German missionary couple who or-nized the Koror school, but when the ssionaries left after World War II, the ssion remained orphaned and Elias was his own.

When he read in the paper that a Lu-eran military chaplain was holding serv-s at the U.S. Navy base he took the bus d went to church at the base. He became tive in the choir and impressed Chaplain eorge Brosius with his sincere faith and rm personality.

Chaplain Brosius wrote to his sister, Mrs. ra Louise Markle, at that time director Christian education of Zion Church, nbury, Pa.—she is now an editor for the ard of Parish Education. Mrs. Markle oke about Elias to Zion's pastor, Robert Koons, and from then on a great many ople in the towns and boroughs of central nnsylvania heard about Elias Okamura of leliu who wanted an education and per-ps become one day the first native pastor the people in the Micronesian Islands.

Luther Leaguers were especially interested Elias' story. And so a fund drive began have the boy from the South Pacific n his fellow Lutherans in Pennsylvania. t was not part of an official conference-

Susquehanna University's Elias Okamura
Gettysburg Seminary next choice

wide drive but the initiative of individual leagues in the Sunbury area, and it was an ambitious goal because after the money for the trip was assured and a full-tuition scholarship from Susquehanna University obtained, people in Guam discovered that Elias, native of a territory under United Nations trusteeship, could not leave the island unless a $500 bond guaranteeing his return was deposited with the trusteeship administration.

The goal was reached just in time to have Elias Okamura arrive on campus for the beginning of the school year. Gettysburg Seminary is his objective for 1962. Luther Leaguers have pledged to continue their support, and a few adults will be helping out, too.

If things work out according to plan, Elias Okamura will return to the Micronesian Islands seven years from now as a pastor. And it will all have happened because Luther Leaguers made his cause their own.

First Deans and Secretaries Elected in Four New Districts

By HENRY W. SNYDER, JR.

ALLENTOWN—Deans of the four new districts that will take the place of the present Allentown Conference are Dr. Henry J. Pflum for Allentown; Dr. William C. Berkemeyer for Bethlehem; Pastor Glenn Neubauer for Easton; and Pastor Walter Kuntzleman for Northampton.

They were elected to six-year terms, with no limit on eligibility for re-election.

Elected as secretaries of the four districts are Pastors Samuel Stauffer, Henry Snyder, William Dennis, and Willard Weida.

The Allentown District Luther League has chosen Rexine Rex, St. Stephen's Church, as district president for 1959. Edward Cool, Holy Trinity Church, Bethlehem, has been elected as Bethlehem District Luther League president.

Churches Plan Merger

Two downtown Easton Lutheran churches are holding joint Sunday services in October on a trial basis, an exploratory move in direction of a possible merger.

Both pastors, Earl Feight of Zion Church, and William Jensen of Christ Church, have stressed that "any merger is still in the preliminary planning stage."

A committee from both churches, in addition to representatives from St. Paul's Church, N. 4th St., has been studying the advisability of merging all three churches.

PROTESTANT churches of Hellertown conducted a borough-wide religious census late in September, in preparation for a united preaching mission the week of Nov. 2.

Calls were made in more than 2,400 Hellertown homes, with Christ Lutheran Church, Hellertown, taking a leading part in the planning and carrying out of the census.

More Room Needed

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Laurys, dedicated its new Sunday school addition, Sept. 28.

Judge James F. Henninger told 225 members of the congregation that the function of a Sunday school is "to set children on the right road for life."

CHRIST CHURCH, Freemansburg, dedicated its renovated facilities Sept. 21. Additional classrooms, a kitchen, choir rooms, and rest rooms have been built in a new basement under the Sunday school wing.

First floor Sunday school rooms were completely renovated, and a study built for the pastor. Improvements are partially the result of a 1956 sector project study in the congregation.

Released Time Courses Resume

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION of Nazareth is sponsoring a released-time weekday church school, with an enrollment of 332 children in second to sixth grades.

St. John's Lutheran Church is participating in this interdenominational program and providing classrooms for a large group of children from Nazareth's Fairview School.

Bethlehem's interdenominational released-time weekday church school began its 15th year the first week of October. Of the 31 Bethlehem church school centers, more than a third are provided by Lutheran congregations.

In Allentown and Northampton weekday church school centers are conducted entirely by the Lutheran churches. Efforts a year ago to set up an interdenominational plan of released-time religious education in Easton were frustrated by opposition from non-church groups.

Mrs. Edith Mumper, of St. Paul's Church, Allentown, and Dr. Erich Voehringer of the Philadelphia Seminary faculty, conducted an audio-visual education workshop Sept. 29 for teachers of more than 50 Allentown churches.

Mrs. Mumper conducted a "coaching conference" for weekday church school teachers in Bethlehem, Sept. 24.

His Hobby Is the Bible

IF YOU ASK Stanley Heil what his hobby he'll tell you that it consists in reading e Bible. Since 1925 he's been devoting s spare time to listing every word in the ble, compiling his own personal con-rdance, complete with cross references. orking an average of six hours on Sunday ternoons and evenings and many more urs during the long winter evenings, he s now indexed all words up to those ginning with the letter S.

Stanley Heil, of course, is an active urchman, member of the council of Heid-berg Church near Slatington, delegate to synod convention, chairman of the build-committee, president of the Heidelberg ion Sunday School Association. An in-rance agent, he has belonged to the Heidel-g Church all his life. His pastor is the v. Lewis D. Moore.

Stanley Heil of Slatington, Pennsylvania
Active churchman has been engaged for past 33 years in compiling his own concordance

..: ALLENTOWN . . .

HEIDELBERG UNION CHURCH, near Slating-n, has raised more than $16,000 since Jan. for its proposed new educational building. e congregation plans to break ground the new unit in the spring of 1959.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, Easton, is in midst of a $134,000 fund-raising drive vards its new church.

The advance gift phase of the campaign lded $39,000. The church owns the land, l has $144,000 from a previous campaign.

Medical Center Starts Building

MUHLENBERG MEDICAL CENTER board has en approval to final plans and specifica-ns for the first unit of the hospital, a iatrics building. It will be a four-story, room, steel-and-brick structure.

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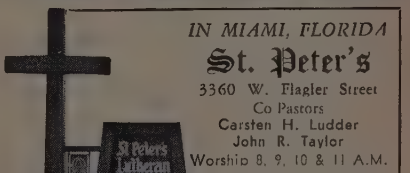

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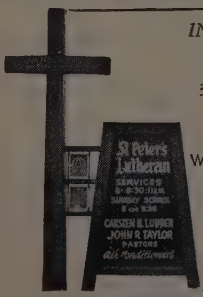

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Missions Begin Services In Kansas and Oklahoma

OMAHA—Three new home missions in the Central States Synod began holding services last month. The Rev. Dean Sudman conducted first services for the mission in northwest Kansas City, Mo., in the parsonage. Earlier a picnic was held for prospective members.

Initial meeting of the new mission in northwest Oklahoma City, Okla., was held Sept. 7, and the first church service was on Sept. 14. Mission Developer Roger Giesche moved into a new parsonage Sept. 1.

Good Shepherd mission, Muskogee, Okla., held first services Sept. 21 in a lodge hall. A parsonage is being constructed for the developer, the Rev. John Roth.

Good Start in Hot Springs

THE HOT SPRINGS, ARK., mission got a good start in July, with 63 attending the first service. The Rev. Clarence Rhoda, who also is developing the field in Little Rock, was the temporary organizer.

A house chapel will be built for the new mission in Haysville, near Wichita, Kan. The Rev. Leo Nielsen is the developer. A four-acre church site was purchased for St. Andrew's Mission, Columbia, Mo. The Rev. Morris Niedenthal is the developer.

ANNUAL CALL for Mission Ten contributions was issued last month by the Brotherhood of Central States Synod. William Sull is chairman of the campaign. Members of Mission Ten Club contribute $10 a year for use of the home missions committee.

ULCW Meeting in Hastings

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN of the synod will hold their fourth annual convention Oct. 20-23 in First St. Paul's Church, Hastings, Neb. Dr. Clara Sullivan, missionary to Malaya, will speak at the banquet. Dr. Edith Eykamp, missionary to India, will conduct the daily devotions.

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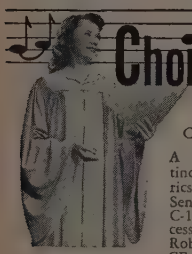

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Dayton Report . . .

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Dr. Fry through "vigor of body, mind and spirit" had "broadened, deepened and elevated the church's work, witnessing for the church on all continents" delegates arose in a spontaneous tribute

1,600 at banquet

Further celebration of the anniversary took place at Wampler's Arena near Dayton on Friday evening as 1,600 delegates and visitors attended the convention banquet. Principal speakers were Dr. Fry, Dr. Everett G. Mitchell of Chicago, president of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship which sponsored the affair; and Miss Helen Knubel, daughter of the first ULC president. Pianist Roger Williams, an LLM member, entertained the guests.

Dr. Fry in his address "dreamed of the future of the church." He warned that it must not "hoard the Word of God" but must deepen its roots both in theology and worship "if it is to be part of the everlasting church of God." Study programs for pastors and laymen were valuable since they would lead to "deepening theological insight" and to "increasing knowledge and application of the Word," Dr. Fry said.

The church must learn to worship "with a deep sense of adoration," the ULC president continued. "The sudden leaping flame of such adoration is a lost secret," he said. "How can a man stand before God except in rapture?"

Savannah Resolutions ended

The depression-ridden ULC convention that met at Savannah, Georgia, in 1934, fearful of the future, was far different in mood from the 1958 gathering. In 1934 a series of resolutions asked synods not to budget items for capital

xpenditures; and to eliminate budget ems for work committed to the ULC, uch as pensions and mission develop- ient. In the tight-money period, there as real danger that synods might try to tain funds for work on their own terri- ory instead of participating in church- ide programs.

This year, things were different. Synods ere being encouraged to stress their wn projects in 1959, when the ULC udget dips. In pensions, home missions nd similar fields synods were completely ependent on the ULC. The "heightened mily spirit in the church" made the avannah restrictions outdated, the Ex- cutive Board reported. The convention greed, voted to rescind the 1934 action.

Synods would continue on a voluntary asis to confer with the Executive Board n major budget changes, synod presi- ents had stated at a meeting earlier this ear.

ighter moments

In the report of the Joint Commission n Lutheran Unity, Gilbert E. Olson re- arked on the make-up of the ULC oup which conferred with the other nurches—which have Swedish, Danish nd Finnish background. He noted that r. Fry had appointed men named lson, Rasmussen, Madsen, Kantonen, arlson and Peterson on the 14-member elegation.

A moment later Judge James F. Hen- nger of Allentown came forward to ntinue the report. Introducing him, r. Fry said, "Just to show the interna- nal flavor of this commission, I intro- ice Judge James Flynn Henninger."

When the laughter had subsided, the dge brought forth a greater roar by ying, "The president has referred to my ish ancestry. But that's just a little bit pepper on a crock of sauerkraut."

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IN CONCLUSION . . . . . .

IF DR. STAUDERMAN doesn't get stuck in Pittsburgh (as we often do on this Dayton-to-Philadelphia flight) he will be in our office with his report of the ULC convention up to Monday morning, Oct. 13, as we go to press with this issue of THE LUTHERAN. He will have to be resourceful in stretching out the news to fill the space we held open for convention reports.

As we expected, there has not been much headline news so far. Final action on the most important questions had not been taken in time to get in our paper this week. The fact that there have been few explosive debates doesn't mean that this Dayton convention hasn't been a good one.

It has been one of the best I remember, especially because it has been a relaxed sort of sojourn. Even Dr. Fry, who usually keeps a convention under stern control in moving through its heavy schedule, was less of a task-master than usual. When delegates at the Thursday night session refused to extend the time beyond the usual 10 P.M. closing hour, he smiled. "Every convention does this at least once," he commented in a soothing manner.

THE RESULT of this lack of pressure has been that the church's boards and agencies have had a chance to report on their work more fully than usual, and have done this in attractive ways. All who have been in these sessions in Dayton will go home with a much clearer understanding of the large programs of missions and education which our church undertakes.

Also there has been opportunity for renewal of the deep-going friendships of a large group of Christian people, east and west, north and south. It's more than a family reunion, but it surely is that. We got called up short on this part of it by Dr. Fry when he spoke at a big dinner meeting about "what do I dream for the church." Of the very many speeches I've heard this man make, this was one of the biggest, although it was both quiet and brief.

We Lutherans in America have been content to hoard the gospel, Dr. Fry said. We've kept it to ourselves as though we think we are better adapted to it than other men. And we haven't let the gospel drive us into living it. Christians have to be acted upon by the gospel, grasped by it, thrust out into the world by it.

He warned about "statistical security" and "competitive organization" ideas of the church, and closed by saying, "Never let us suffer the eclipse of having the church get between us and the shining of the Lord."

THAT WASN'T at all the sort of 40th anniversary speech one might expect. There wasn't a trace of gloating about achievements—and there are some. It was actually standing up under the hungers, fears, weaknesses of this day with a quite desperate sense of the need of renewing power of God's word.

Church people, like everybody else these days, run the risk of getting to be "organization men." There's need for organization, of course, such as in getting those planes through Pittsburgh. The church is tightening up its machinery and running it at higher speed. But there is no life in machinery. Our Lord came so we might have life.

—ELSON RUFF

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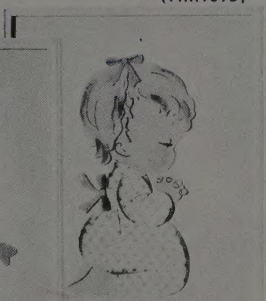

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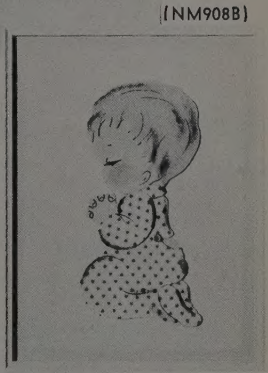

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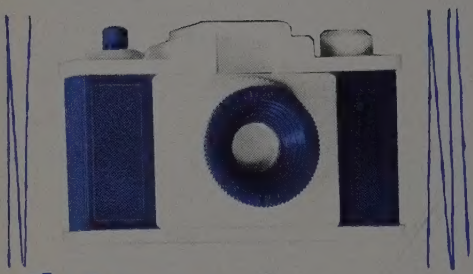

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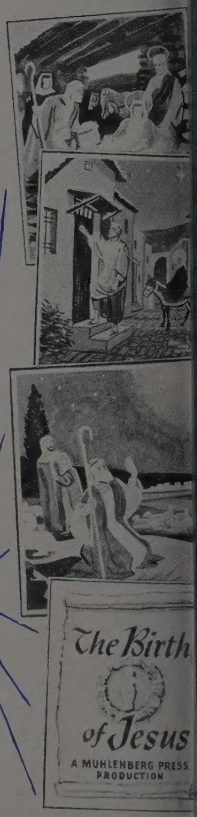

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